

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR
2 FISCAL YEAR 2021; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE EXECUTIVE OF-
3 FICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
4 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chap-
8 ter 193, Laws of 2020, and any other appropriation provided by law, there is
9 hereby appropriated to the Executive Office of the Governor for the Gover-
10 nor's Emergency Program \$175,746,400 from the Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund
11 to be expended for trustee and benefit payments for the period July 1, 2020,
12 through June 30, 2021.

13 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE. The Executive Office of the
14 Governor shall allocate emergency rental assistance funding to the Idaho
15 Housing and Finance Association to be distributed to eligible recipients
16 in compliance with federal requirements and guidelines. Funding shall be
17 allocated to the association on an as-needed basis in increments not to ex-
18 ceed \$10,000,000. The association, notwithstanding any other provision of
19 law to the contrary, shall not process applications in any city or county
20 that received direct federal funding from Section 501 of Division N of the
21 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260 until the association
22 verifies that there is no duplication of benefit for the applicant. The
23 Executive Office of the Governor shall require monthly reporting by the as-
24 sociation to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and the Legislative
25 Services Office by the fifth business day of each month. The Executive Of-
26 fice of the Governor shall also require the association to be audited by an
27 independent firm skilled in auditing federal funding programs.

28 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
29 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
30 passage and approval.